CLAIMS

1.   A navigation device which displays a present location, searches for and guides on a route to a destination, on the basis of a prepared road map and data of facilities,

      the device comprising searching and outputting means for searching for and outputting a predetermined number of facility information items of a desired type of element facility included in facilities existing ahead on an expressway, when the present location is on an expressway, from the data in accordance with a predetermined operation performed.

2.   The navigation device according to claim 1, wherein the searching and outputting means is configured to such that only the facility information of the element facility which exists before getting off the expressway is set as a target for searching and outputting, in the case in which the route to a destination is set.

3.   The navigation device according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising means for receiving selection of the target for searching and outputting from among a plurality of types of element facilities.

4.   A navigation method of displaying a present location, searching for and guiding on a route to a destination, on the basis of a prepared road map and data of facilities,

      the method comprising a process of searching and outputting for searching for and outputting a predetermined number of facility information items of a desired type of element facility included in the facilities existing ahead on an expressway, when the present location is on an expressway, from the data in accordance with a

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predetermined operation performed.

5.   The navigation method according to claim 4, wherein the process of searching and outputting is configured such that only the facility information of the element facility which exists before getting off the expressway is set as a target for searching and outputting, in the case in which the route to a destination is set.

6.   The navigation method according to claim 4 or 5, further comprising the process of receiving selection of the target for searching and outputting from among a plurality of types of element facilities.

7.   A navigation program which controls a computer to display a present location, search for and guide on a route to a destination, on the basis of a prepared road map and data of facilities,

the program causing the computer to execute the process of searching and outputting for searching for and outputting a predetermined number of facility information items of a desired type of element facility included in the facilities existing ahead on an expressway, when the present location is on an expressway, from the data in accordance with a predetermined operation performed.

8.   The navigation program according to claim 7, wherein, in the process of searching and outputting, the program causes the computer to set only the facility information of the element facility existing before getting off the expressway, as a target for searching and outputting, in the case in which the route to a destination is set.

9.   The navigation program according to claim 7 or 8, further causing the computer to receive selection of the target for searching

and outputting from among a plurality of types of element facilities.